



Health Department

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Dear Business Owner:

The McLean County Board recently enacted an amendment to Chapter 39 of the McLean County Code (Regulation of Smoking in Public Places and Places of Employment in Unincorporated Areas of McLean County) effective January 1, 2007. Under the provisions of the ordinance, smoking is prohibited in all enclosed public places and places of employment within unincorporated areas of McLean County. Section 39-5 identifies exemptions to the prohibition that includes:

- private residences
- 25% of a hotel or motel's sleeping rooms
- retail tobacco stores
- private clubs or lodges
- churches
- holders of Class D liquor licenses, and
- places of employment which are solely operated as family businesses

Section 39-11 of the ordinance designates the McLean County Health Department as the County entity responsible to "...explain and clarify the purposes and requirements of this Chapter to citizens affected by it and to guide owners, operators, and managers in their compliance with it."

If you believe your business qualifies for an exemption under Section 39-5, please contact the McLean County Administrator's Office at 309-888-5110 prior to April 1, 2007. Businesses qualifying for an exemption will receive additional correspondence concerning the requirements of Section 39-5. Businesses not receiving an express exemption will fall under the prohibitions listed in Section 39-4. A complete copy of the ordinance may be obtained on the McLean County website www.mcleancountyil.gov.

As stated above, you may address any questions you have about the requirements of Regulation of Smoking in Public Places of Employment in Unincorporated Areas of McLean County by contacting the McLean County Administrator's Office at 309-888-5110.

Very truly yours,

Robert J. Keller
Director

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